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In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2004, having a shortened  
statutory period for response set to expire on March 8, 2005, Applicants thank the  
Examiner for her time on January 12<sup>th</sup> and request allowance of the claims based on that  
discussion and the following.